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Applicant: William Cohn
Application No.: 09/307,195 Filed Date: May 7, 1999
Confirmation No.: 4520 Group: 3625 Examiner: Jeffrey A. Smith
For: Surgical Retractor

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action ("the Office Action") made final and mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on April 8, 2003 in the above-identified application. In lieu of filing a Brief on Appeal in reply to the Notice of Appeal received in the USPTO on October 10, 2003, Applicant's Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of time to respond to the Office Action and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment and Response. Authorization is given to charge any additional fees due for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-1935.

The listing of claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.



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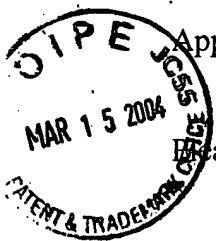
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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☒ A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1935 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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